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# H. R. 4385

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2000

Mr. METCALF introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. STANDARDS.**

4       Section 3703 of title 46, United States Code, is  
5       amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

6       “(d) PRESERVATION OF STATE AUTHORITY.—Noth-  
7       ing in this chapter, or any other provision of law, preempts  
8       the authority of a State to adopt additional standards re-

- 1   garding maintenance, operation, equipping, personnel
- 2   qualification, or manning of vessels to which the regula-
- 3   tions under subsection (a) apply.”.

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